



In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the September 1, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Construction Contracts Awarded for Four Future Parks

Following bid solicitation, a contract was awarded for construction of the future Cultural and Gator Circle Parks to Waypoint Contracting, Inc. for a total project cost of about \$5.3 million. A contract also was awarded to Wright Construction Group, Inc. for the construction of the future Sands and Joe Coviello Parks for a total project cost of about \$5.4 million. These projects are part of the Parks GO Bond that was approved by Cape Coral voters in 2018.

Annual Lot Mowing Assessments

City Council set the annual lot mowing assessments. These assessments are paid for by vacant property owners who receive the benefit of the lot mowing services. In Fiscal Year 2022, vacant lots will be mowed 13 times a year, which is an increase from the current 10 mows per year. The lot mowing assessments were set as follows:

District 1: \$58.88
 District 2: \$39.60
 District 3: \$40.55
 District 4: \$38.23

Annual Solid Waste Service Assessments

City Council set the annual solid waste service assessment for Fiscal Year 2022 at \$220.72. The current rate per dwelling unit is \$210.19. Cape Coral residents continue to pay less for solid waste services than other residents in Lee County. The cost breakdown and changes are below.

	FY21 Adopted	FY22
Waste Pro	\$138.24	\$144.72
Lee County Disposal Fee	\$60.38	\$69.21
Cape Coral Operating & Personnel	\$1.66	\$5.09
Lee County Tax Collector	\$1.50	\$1.50
Reduction from Collection Surplus	\$0	-\$8.63
Statutory Discount Recovery	\$8.41	\$8.83
Total Assessment Per Dwelling Unit	\$210.19	\$220.72

Annual Fire Service Assessments

Council approved a resolution for the Fiscal Year 2022 non-ad valorem Fire Service Assessment (FSA) at 62 percent recovery of the fire protection services budget. The City established an annual assessment for fire protection services, facilities, and programs. against certain assessed property. This rate is a \$9.74 increase in the Tier 1 rate per parcel and a \$0.03 increase for the Tier 2 rate per EBU.

Annual Stormwater User Fee

Council approved the annual stormwater user fee at \$130 per ERU. Each year a stormwater fee is set for properties that utilize the City's stormwater system. This is an increase of \$5 from Fiscal Year 2021. The stormwater fee is anticipated to increase by about \$5 per year for the next 3-4 years.

District 6 Appointment

Keith Long was appointed by the Cape Coral City Council to fulfill the remainder of the vacant District 6 Council seat, which expires in 2022. Fourteen candidates applied to serve.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Joint Budget Workshop is Scheduled for Friday, September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

A Special Meeting (1st Budget Hearing) of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:05 p.m. in Council